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County Clerk... Joseph Webb
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Surveyor... M. Hanson, jr.
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County court meets for civil, criminal and probate business on the first Mondays in March, June, September and December.

CITY OFFICERS.

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Chief of Police... L. H. Bates
Treasurer... Geo. M. Putnam
Secretary... Frank Champion
Attorney... Vacant
Surveyor... S. W. Brooks
Assessor and Collector... S. Valdez

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

The following are the officers of and the times and places of holding court for the Western District of Texas:
U. S. District Judge... T. S. Maxey
Attorney... Henry Terrell
Clerk... D. H. Hart
Marshal... Geo. L. Siebrecht
Court convenes in San Antonio on the first Mondays in May and November
In Austin on the first Mondays in February and July.

In Brownsville on the first Monday in January and second Monday in June.
In El Paso on the first Mondays in April and October.

Cameron County: First Monday in February, and first Monday in September, and May continue in session four weeks.

Hidalgo County: Fourth Monday after the first Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Starr County: Sixth Monday after the first Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Duval County: Eighth Monday after the first Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Nueces County: Tenth Monday after the first Monday in February and may continue in session eight weeks and Ninth Monday after first Monday in September and may continue in session four weeks.

U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE.
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THE TEXAS RANGERS.

Earl Mayo Tells Englishmen. They Are the World's Most Efficient Police Force.

Earl Mayo in the London Idler.

What is a Texas Ranger? We all have heard of him, but few of us have heard aright, and the images called up by mention of the name are likely to be as various as the listeners. By many he is regarded as a sort of legalized vigilante, ruling through the right evolved of necessity in the realm of where the six-shooter is the only arbiter. To others he is merely a mounted policeman, whose beat is marked by miles. A still more general impression is that he is a militiaman, whose services may be called upon to thwart or capture lawbreakers when the regularly appointed officers are unequal to the task. But down in Texas the word means none of these things. Rather it means all of them and much besides. To learn what he is and what he has done one cannot do better than to travel over the great region between the Colorado and the Rio Grande, once given over to cacti and coyotes, cattle rustlers, and Mexican smugglers, Indian marauders, and white men who have gone through the whole curriculum of crime, but now transformed by the work of the Rangers into a well settled, peaceful and prosperous section of the greatest State in the Union. For years these riders of the plains and sand wastes represented the only personification of the law that was either respected or feared. The string of mounted Ranger scouts that daily patrolled the ground between these two rivers was the only thread that bound Western Texas to a more formal civilization. Even to-day it is the Ranger whose presence means security to life all along the border.

Nowhere else in the world is there a body of men similar in organization, duties, or personnel to the Rangers of Texas. They are a military body, acting directly under the authority of the State, and yet their work is not that of troopers. They enjoy the powers of civil peace officers, and yet they are neither deputy sheriffs nor policemen. They are set apart by no badge or uniform of office. The field of their activities is as wide as the State they serve, and their duties are bounded only by the limits of possible infractions of law and order. Take a city policeman, a sheriff, a State militiaman and a United States trooper and combine their manifold duties in one, and you have an idea of the work of a Texas Ranger.

The membership of this unique organization has consisted always of those restless beings in whom the spirit of adventure is the controlling motive. Most of them have been graduates of that school of courage, the cow-puncher's saddle. Some served their apprenticeship as scouts and guides in the Indian country; a few are college men from the East, who proved their staying and fighting qualities on the plains before joining the Rangers. No man who is not capable of spending sixteen hours out of the twenty-four in the saddle could endure the hard riding that the Rangers are compelled to un-

dergo. No man who was not a dead shot, or who could not face without fear the business end of a six shooter in the hands of a desperado would be considered for a moment as a possible recruit.

When vacancies occur in the ranks young men who possess these qualities are sought to fill them. Vacancies seldom occur except when some member of the battalion is killed in the pursuit of his duty or is appointed to another hazardous and trying position like that of sheriff or chief of police in some border county or town.

The recruit is not subjected to any examination as to his fitness beyond that which the captain of the company to which he applies may insist upon. Preference is given, of course, to men who are familiar with the country in which the Rangers operate, but this is not an essential requisite. If the recruit owns a plains-hardened mount, so much the better, for the men are required to furnish their own horses and outfit, only their arms, ammunition and rations being supplied by the State.

With this equipment of cool daring, shooting ability, and a good horse, the newcomer enters the ranks. The skill and experience which are to make him valuable to the State and a credit to the organization, he acquires by the actual work of the service. New members come into the ranks so slowly that there is no difficulty in assimilating them. Nobody joins the Rangers from sordid motives, for the pay is only \$60 per month for the private, and the highest emolument that he can ever aspire to is the \$125 per month paid to the commanding officer of the battalion. Therefore no man is tempted to enter the service unless he has a real liking for the work, and these, of course are apt scholars.

The Ranger service at present contains only forty men, scattered in a dozen different places along the Rio Grande. Although there are but three or four men on each station, their presence keeps the unruly in subjection, and the few rustlers, bad men, and professional outlaws who have not fallen before their rifles give them the widest possible berth.

It is safe to say that nowhere else in the world can be found a body of men to equal the Rangers for sheer devotion to duty and fighting ability. As one appreciative historian has expressed it: "Their characteristic qualifications are intrepid skill in horsemanship, unerring aim with the pistol and carbine, celerity in movement, coolness in danger, and reckless daring in action."

PREVENTIVE OF SMALLPOX.

Prescription Indorsed By Catholic Sisters in Philadelphia.

The sisters in charge of St. Joseph's Female Orphan Asylum at Seventh and Spruce streets, are in receipt of many letters daily from persons who seek information concerning the preparation which is believed by the Sisters to be a preventive against smallpox and all other contagious diseases. A few physicians are among the inquirers, a small proportion of these having decided to try the medicine.

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"These drugs have been in use by us for sixty years," said one of the Sisters yesterday. "In all that time we have not had one case of smallpox in our institution. The prescription was obtained by Mother Gonzaga more than sixty years ago from a minister in Germantown. He got it from a doctor in Paris, who had used it with great success during an epidemic of smallpox there."

"The prescription is one grain solid extract digitalis, one grain sulphate of zinc, one-half teaspoonful of sugar, four ounces of water. Dissolve the digitalis and the zinc separately, then compound the prescription."

"It is of the utmost importance that the solid extract of digitalis be used. Some druggists says there is no such thing and use the liquid preparation. This is valueless. It does not produce the same results."

"The dose is one teaspoonful every hour for twelve consecutive hours for an adult. For an infant, ten drops for the same length of time, and for children under 10 years, one-half teaspoonful hourly for twelve hours."

"We usually repeat this treatment once a month when smallpox is epidemic. It is the best medicine, we think, in case of smallpox. The face may be bathed with it, thus preventing scars. I know of one case in which a man sent for the medicine, as his wife had smallpox. She took it all night, the eruptions having almost disappeared in the morning."

"The digitalis kills the germs of contagious disease that may be in the system. The zinc purifies the blood. Some doctors object to the digitalis because it acts on the heart. Of course the preparation must be taken with care, as the medicines are powerful."

Some people complain that it makes them sick. This is because their systems are not in good condition.

"We are not opposed to vaccination. You can vaccinate as often as you please. It will be useless, however, if you have taken this medicine. The vaccination will not take."

"We have 130 children here now. When one is brought we give her the medicine promptly. Although they come from all over the city, we never have a contagious disease within our doors."—Philadelphia North American.